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Letter dated 10 February 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the shelling of Kramatorsk, Donetsk region (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 February 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in view of the shelling of Kramatorsk by terrorists

On 10 February, Russian-controlled terrorists committed another bloody crime. As a result of the shelling of Kramatorsk with multiple launch rocket systems, conducted by them, at least 12 citizens died and 64 more, including 8 children, were wounded. We express our sincere condolences to the families of the deceased and hope that everyone wounded will get better soon.

Much to our regret, the terrorists' actions demonstrate their attempts to expand the territory of military conflict against the background of efforts by Ukraine and the international community to ensure a complete ceasefire and implement the Minsk Accords.

This cannot be called anything but a purposeful massacre of the civilian population of the city, the residents of which have never wanted and do not want to have anything in common with terrorist groups. It is telling that the provocation took place already traditionally in a moment when a fragile hope emerged to achieve agreement to regulate the situation and establish sustainable peace in Donbas.

No one should have any doubts that those responsible for that and other massacres of civilians shall be held accountable.

We reiterate that it is the Russian Federation that is responsible for all crimes of illegal armed formations in Donbas, carried out by Russian weapons and with the participation of Russian citizens.

We demand from Russia the immediate cessation of support of terrorist groups in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, and the withdrawal of all its armaments, heavy equipment and servicemen from the Ukrainian territory, as provided for by the Minsk Accords.

We expect that the crime, its perpetrators and those behind it will be decisively condemned by the international community.